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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/1997/958)

Other matters

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol.I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II (Parts I-XII) and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

6.30 p.m.-7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations common system (A/52/30, A/52/439, A/C.5/52/18, A/C.5/52/22 and A/C.5/52/28))

7 p.m.-9.30 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (Human resources management (A/52/438, A/52/574, A/52/580 and Corr.1, A/52/7 paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/2 and A/C.5/52/CRP.2))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/51/976, A/52/520, A/52/696, A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/30, A/52/520, A/52/697 and A/C.5/52/13 and Corr.1))

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

11 a.m.-1 p.m. open meeting Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. open meeting Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) *today*, 11 December, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 11 December 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3 p.m.-4 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room C

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

4.15 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room E

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting on draft resolution A/52/L.45 (item 20) on the security humanitarian personnel *today*, 11 December 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" *today*, 11 December 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended (closed) consultations on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place *today*, 11 December 1977, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place *today*, 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by the UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/52/634) [102].

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/52/635) [103].

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/52/636) [104].

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/52/637) [105].

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/52/638) [106].

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/52/639) [107].

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/52/640) [108].

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/52/641) [109].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/52/642) [110].

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/52/643) [111].

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (Part I) (A/52/644) [112]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (Part II) (A/52/644/Add.1);

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (Part III) (A/52/644/Add.2*);

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (Part IV) (A/52/644/Add.3*);

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (Part V) (A/52/644/Add.4);

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (Part VI) (A/52/644/Add.5*).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]:

    (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/52/633);

    (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.66).

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* To be issued.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 12 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 16 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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The briefing of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme on "El Niño's potential impact on food security" and on "The World Food Programme Task Force set up to enable a rapid response to food emergency situations", scheduled for Monday, 15 December 1997, *has been cancelled.*

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

67th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 62 to 83.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations: report of the First Committee (A/52/591) [62]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/591) (resolution 52/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/52/592) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/592) (resolution 52/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/593) [64]

By 154 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/593).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/52/594) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/594) (resolution 52/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/595) [66]

By 103 votes to 43, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/595) (resolution 52/33).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/596) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/52/596) (resolution 52/34)

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/52/597) [68]

By 153 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/597) (resolution 52/35).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/52/598) [69]

By 116 votes to 0, with 51 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/598) (resolution 52/36).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/52/599) [70]

By 128 votes to 0, with 39 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by

the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/599) (resolution 52/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/600) [71]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 65 of its report (A/52/600).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Chile and Mexico.

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the representative of Chile, agreed not to have a separate vote on the tenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution O.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 A)	142	0	18
Draft resolution B Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	96	35	25
Draft resolution A Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	95	46	15
Draft resolution B as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 B)	98	45	13
Draft resolution C (resolution 52/38 C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 52/38 D)		Adopted	
Draft resolution E (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 E)	160	0	6
Draft resolution F (resolution 52/38 F)		Adopted	
Draft resolution G (resolution 52/38 G)		Adopted	
Draft resolution H (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 H)	147	0	15
Draft resolution I (resolution 52/38 I)		Adopted	
Draft resolution J Fifth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	139	0	21
Draft resolution J as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 J)	158	0	6
Draft resolution K Ninth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	162	1	3
Draft resolution K Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	161	3	2
Draft resolution K as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 K)	156	0	10
Draft resolution L (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 L)	109	39	18
Draft resolution M (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 M)	161	0	8
Draft resolution N Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	159	1	4
Draft resolution N as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 N)	131	3	34
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	152	6	6
Draft resolution O Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	106	34	24

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution O as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 0)	116	26	24
Draft resolution P (resolution 52/38 P)		Adopted	
Draft resolution Q (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 Q)	164	1	2
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 5 (b) (recorded vote)	153	0	9
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	151	0	15
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/38 R)	155	0	11
Draft resolution S (resolution 52/38 S)		Adopted	
Draft resolution T (resolution 52/38 T)		Adopted	

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Argentina, Belarus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway and Afghanistan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/52/601) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in para- graph 15 of its report (A/52/601).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement concerning draft resolution B.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 52/39 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 52/39 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (resolution 52/39 C)	109	30	27
Draft resolution D (resolution 52/39 D)		Adopted	

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/52/602) [73]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/52/602).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 52/40 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 52/40 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (resolution 52/40 C)	111	49	12

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/603) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/52/603).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	156	2	4

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 52/41)	147	2	14

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/52/604) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/604) (resolution 52/42).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/52/605) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/605) (resolution 52/43).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/52/606) [77]

By 125 votes to 3, with 40 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 7 of the report (A/52/606) (resolution 52/44).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/52/607) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/607) as orally corrected by the President (resolution 52/45).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/608) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/608) (resolution 52/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/52/609) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/609) (resolution 52/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/52/610) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/52/610) (resolution 52/48).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Review on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of the International Security: report of the First Committee (A/52/611) [82]

By 116 votes to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/52/611).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/52/612) [83]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/52/612).

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 83.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee before it.

68th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581)*

(c) *Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571)*

(d) *Letter from Namibia (A/52/704)*

(e) *Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50, L.51, L.52 and Corr.1 and L.53/Rev.1)*

(f) *Amendment (A/52/L.59)*

The Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.49, L.50 and L.51.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/52/L.49, L.50 and 51.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/52/L.49 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/49)	115	2	45
Draft resolution A/52/L.50 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/50)	113	2	47
Draft resolution A/52/L.51 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/51)	158	2	4

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Swaziland.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.52 and Corr.1.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and Swaziland.

By 155 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.52 and Corr.1 (resolution 52/52).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Mexico.

The representative of Indonesia made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/52/L.53/Rev.1.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/52/L.59.

The representative of Yemen moved on a point of order that document A/52/L.59 did not constitute an amendment.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) spoke against the proposal.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement on a point of order.

By 57 votes to 65, with 32 abstentions (recorded vote), the proposal by the representative of Yemen that document A/52/L.59 did not constitute an amendment was not adopted.

The representative of Egypt (on behalf of the co-sponsors) made a statement in the course of which he informed the Assembly that the co-sponsors did not wish draft resolution A/52/L.53 to be put to the vote at the present time.

The President confirmed with the Assembly that the co-sponsors of the amendment contained in document A/52/L.59 had also agreed not to put to the vote their amendment at the present time.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 36.

The situation in the Middle East [37]:

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467 and A/52/581)*

(b) *Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55 and L.62)*

(c) *Amendments (A/52/L.63)*

The representative of Norway (on behalf of the co-sponsors) made a statement in the course of which he withdrew draft resolution A/52/L.62.

The President confirmed with the General Assembly that the co-sponsors of the amendments contained in document A/52/L.63 had also agreed to withdraw their amendments.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/52/L.54 and L.55.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United States.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/52/L.54 and L.55.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/52/L.54 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/53)	148	1	9
Draft resolution A/52/L.55 (recorded vote) (resolution 52/54)	92	2	65

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Argentina, Ecuador and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Question of Palestine [36]:

(a) *Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571)*

(b) *Letter from Namibia (A/52/704)*

The General Assembly decided to enlarge the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and to appoint Namibia and South Africa as members of the Committee.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 36.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.48.

The representative of Indonesia corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Indonesia.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with no abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the Russian Federation, Norway, Japan, Turkey and Jordan.

The representative of Greece informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution, although it had not been recorded.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.4 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Subsequently, the representatives of Mozambique, Slovenia and Bulgaria informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote, their delegations would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (a).

(d) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.8 and L.58

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.58.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Indonesia.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, and Nigeria.

Subsequently, the representative of Slovenia informed the Committee that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (d), and of item 95 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and removed the brackets from draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.40.

The representative of Luxembourg corrected the title of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa and the Russian Federation.

Subsequently, the representative of Slovenia informed the Committee that had she been present during the vote, her delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.16 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representatives of Luxembourg, Canada and the United Republic of Tanzania corrected the text.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement, in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 151 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, China, Canada and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman made a statement in response to the letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/52/10).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (a).

(g) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17. He drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1, and orally corrected it.

The representative of Luxembourg corrected the text.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco (also on behalf of Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Pakistan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Yemen), the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

Subsequently the representative of Mauritania informed the Committee that his delegation aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Morocco.

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee then adopted a draft decision taking note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/52/345.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (g).

(h) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.49.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 0 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Australia and China.

The representative of Australia informed the Committee that the statement he had just made in explanation of vote, applied also to the preceding five resolutions.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (h) and of item 97 as a whole.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement after the adoption of the six draft resolutions.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and informed the Committee that the General Assembly would be informed that no draft proposals had been submitted under this item.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (a).

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.22 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/52/L.54)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/52/L.54, which contained programme budget implications on A/C.2/52/L.57.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on operative paragraph 17 and made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), requested a suspension of the meeting.

The representative of Canada informed the Committee that his delegation would have liked to have been a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Benin made a statement.

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Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.22 and L.57 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/52/L.54)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

In accordance with rule 129 of the rules of procedure, the Committee proceeded to a recorded vote on operative paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement in explanation of vote.

Operative paragraph 17 was then adopted by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and New Zealand.

A point of order was raised by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 98 (b).

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.21 and L.55

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.55.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (c).

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.25 and L.56

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.56.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (e).

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) orally introduced two draft decisions, as contained in documents A/C.2/52/L.60 and L.61.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and China.

The Committee then adopted the two draft decisions.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 (g).

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme as contained in document A/52/25.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 98 as a whole.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(b) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13 and L.13/Rev.1 and L.59

The Committee resumed consideration of the item, and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) requesting a motion of non-action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59.

The representative of the Legal Office responded to questions raised.

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) requested a suspension of the meeting.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) requested a vote on the suspension of the meeting.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The result of the vote was 50 in favour of suspension to 87 against a suspension, with 1 abstention.

The Committee then proceeded to a vote on no-action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.59, as requested by the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

In accordance with rule 116 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Indonesia in support of a vote on the motion, and by the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation against.

The motion for no-action was then carried by a vote of 90 to 53, with 0 abstentions.

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/52/L.13/Rev.1 and informed the Committee that Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Mozambique was not a co-sponsor. He then withdrew draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.13 and L.13/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the United States and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (b).

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of the note of the Secretary-General as contained in document A/C.2/132-E/1997/57.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (c) and of agenda item 96 as a whole.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999 [12]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chief of the Documentation, Programming and Monitoring Section of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.45.

The Chief of the Documentation, Programming and Monitoring Section responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Philippines and Benin.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 1998-1999, as orally revised.

Suspension of the work of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The Chairman then declared the work of the Second Committee suspended.

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Programme of work

The President made an announcement concerning the programme of work of the General Assembly:

Friday, 12 December,
p.m. Reports of the Third Committee

Monday, 15 December,
a.m. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17(h)]

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [17(i)]

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina [47]

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [44]

p.m. Reports of the Sixth Committee

Note: The remainder of the summary of the 69th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/240).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th and 40th meetings

Note: The summary of the 39th and 40th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/240).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna on 24 April 1963

Accession: Malta (10 December 1997)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Philippines (8 December 1997)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Ratification: Venezuela (10 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 December 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Award presentation

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, will present the Tenth Annual Sasakawa/DHA Disaster Prevention Award, for outstanding contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, *today*, 11 December 1997, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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